

**The Honorable C. S. Thomas**  
**Secretary of the Navy**  
**Washington, D. C.**

**Dear Mr. Thomas:**

In your letter of 2 December 1954, you extended an invitation for a representative of this Agency to speak to the Naval War College on 24 February 1955 on the subject, "Military Capabilities and Intentions of the USSR," and suggested [redacted] as a possible speaker. We are always pleased to participate in the program of the Naval War College and I therefore have designated [redacted] as my representative to meet your request.

[redacted] has been advised that he may expect direct correspondence from you concerning the detailed arrangements for his speech.

**Sincerely,**

**Allen W. Dulles**  
**Director**

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13 December 1954

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
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My dear Mr. Dulles:

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the President, Naval War College, to extend to you a most cordial invitation to designate a representative to speak to the Naval War College at 1100, 24 February 1955, on the subject, "Military Capabilities and Intentions of the USSR."

STAT The name of  has been suggested if he can be made available at this time.

It is the intention of the President, Naval War College, to make available a member of his staff to discuss the scope and other requirements for this lecture with the speaker.

The audience will consist of approximately 300 officers of the staff and student body of the Naval War College. A majority of these will be Naval officers of the rank of Commander or Captain. All members of the audience will be cleared for Top Secret information; in addition to requirements set forth by regulation, all students are required to meticulously respect the privacy of the speaker's remarks.

It is suggested that direct correspondence between the speaker and the Naval War College be authorized for the purpose of completing final arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

*C. S. Thomas*

Honorable Allen Dulles  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

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